generation of electricity, water may be allowed in the Cauvery and Hemavathi Channels during summer as per *mamool* and facilities afforded for the cultivation of sugarcane and green manure.

Reply of Government.—The matter will receive consideration.

SUBJECT No. 189.

Annual repairs to branch channels.

Mr. G. Venkataramana Setty, T.-Narsipur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The rate of assessment on lands below branch channels is the same as that on the lands below main channels, but the annual repairs to the former channels are to be done by the holders of the lands below them. At present, the repairs are not properly attended to by the raiyats on the ground that the repairs of the main channels are being done by Government.

The annual repairs of branch channels may be done by Government as in the case of main channels.

Reply of Government.—People must do it according to *mamool*.

SUBJECT No. 190.

Prohibition of cultivation of lands by the side of tank feeders.

Messrs. Narasimha Murti, Malvalli Municipality and Upadhya Srinivasiengar, Nagamangala taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The contour line of some of the major and minor tanks belong to villages other than those in which the main tank is included. The raiyats holding assessed lands through which the feeders run were formerly using them as pasture lands only, but in recent years the lands are being cultivated and as a result silt brought down by erosion fills up the feeders, thus causing diminution of water-supply to tanks. Raiyats holding lands by the side of tank feeders may be prohibited from cultivating them up to the contour line and *honge* trees may be caused to be planted in the margin.

Reply of Government.—No general rule can be passed. Specific cases may be brought to the notice of the Chief Engineer.

RAILWAYS.

(*Nos. 191—199.*)

SUBJECT No. 191.

Prevention of overcrowding in 3rd class compartments of railway carriages.

Messrs. H. Krishna Sastry and Venkatasubbaiya, Krishnarajpete taluk, Padmanna, Chendrasekhariah and K. Venkatasamiah, Nanjangud taluk, Parameswariah and Ammannappa, Mandya taluk, Adinaranayya, Chandrasekharayya and Devasettappa, Dodballapur taluk and Chikka Guruva Reddy, Bangalore taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In every train, one compartment is reserved for Eurasian travellers and although the same be vacant, no other passenger is allowed to sit in it. In spite of the rule that no more than four passengers should be seated on each side of every compartment, more passengers are thrust in and sometimes passengers are thrust into waggons even. To obviate such overcrowding and inconvenience, the rule may be caused to be strictly observed and carriages kept in reserve in all important stations for use whenever necessary.

Reply of Government.—Government are aware of the difficulties and will do whatever is possible.